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Dear Jean Pierre,

Thank you for the information you sent us.
Then, let me apologize on behalf of Justitia et Pax for writing "in all 27 provinces" in our telex to MAWI. We quoted an Indonesian church statement in order to appeal to the bishops in their own wording.

In fact it was an unpleasant surprise for us too, as we realized that we did write "27 provinces"! I think we were a bit careless.

Hein's "pièce de résistance" is taking more time than we had foreseen. His work is ready now, but far too extensive to be published in the second edition of our Report. Now, our plans are as follows:
- the extensive up-dating document (about 50 pages brochure-format) will be translated in the coming days. Than it will immediately be sent to Geneva, so that Adrien Zöller can use it during the Commission's session.
- a summary will be made of the original document (about 20 p.), which will be added to our "old" East Timor Report.
- the translated up-dating document will be sent to CIIR. There, they will summarize it and see whether they can take care of an updated English version (on the basis of the PMV-dossier). At the moment CIIR's plans are not yet fully clear.

I telephoned the Red Cross in Holland to obtain the ICRC East Timor reports. They told me, you should write to:

C.I.C.R.
17, Avenue de la Paix
1211, Genève
Switzerland

If this doesn't work, let us know. I really am surprised that you cannot get them in Portugal. It is public information!

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You may have received copies of articles in the Jakarta Post, in which a German priest was mentioned and quoted, who visited Timor, and who was very positive about developments in Timor
./. (clippings enclosed). We have contacted misereor (Aix-la-Chapelle-Aachen, in German) about this, especially as it said in the Jakarta Post that the German Catholic Church was involved (as well as the German Government). They seemed quite shocked, and promised to go to the bottem of this.

We also are in contact with Klemens Ludwig, of the Endangered People organisation, about the following: through Adrien Zöller we obtained a copy of the minutes of the confidential 1503 procedure during the Commission's February'85 session. It appeared, that during this session the German representative said that, according to the German Parliamentary Delegation which had visited Timor, the situation had improved considerably. This although the report of the Parliamentary Delegation wasn't all that favourable about the situation! The statement of the German representative had considerable influence on other representatives. Our analasis of the minutes is, that the unjustified statement of the German represenlative was an important cause for the withdrawel of Timor from the "Black List". "Endangered People" is issueing a press statement about this, these days. I hope it will have some impact .

With kind regards,

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